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TO: Director, FBI (92-2831)

FROM: *W* Legat, Tel Aviv (166-1) (P)SUBJECT: MEYER LANSKY
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PROJECT FINANCIER3/7/84
Classified by *SR6SK10MS*
Declassify on: OADR 235,255ENCLOSURES:Enclosed are thirteen copies of letterhead memorandum dated
and captioned as above.REFERENCES:Bureau airtel, 6/21/71, with enclosure consisting of
Departmental memorandum dated 6/17/71. *Rev 1262*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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235,255ADMINISTRATIVE:For the specific information of Los Angeles and Bern,
referenced Departmental memorandum requested specific areas of inves-
tigation desired by the Department with regard to subject's activities
in Israel. One of these items is in connection with any information
concerning businesses subject may be engaged in in Israel and data
with regard to his investments. Los Angeles and Bern should bear this
in mind in covering leads set out below.SOURCES:The first confidential source abroad is [redacted] *3/22/84*

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(1 - Foreign Liaison Desk) (2 - Legat, Bern)

(2 - Los Angeles) (2 - Miami, 92-102)

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(1 - 92-1, JOSEPH STACHER)

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Approved: *54*

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Special Agent in Charge

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The second ~~confidential~~ source abroad is [redacted] (information volunteered to this office).

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LEADS:

LEGAT, BERN

At Geneva, Switzerland:

Through appropriate sources, will attempt to obtain background information concerning TIBOR ROSENBAUM, and specifically to determine what connection he may have with subject, JOSEPH STACHER, or any of the individuals affiliated with subject and STACHER.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California:

Will obtain sufficient background data regarding [redacted] through appropriate sources to determine his affiliation with subject and/or STACHER.

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LEGAT, TEL AVIV

At [redacted]

Will maintain contact with [redacted] for any developments concerning subject and STACHER. (X)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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MEYER LANSKY

RESIDENCE

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Recent newspaper accounts of subject's activities reveal
he is a guest at the Accadia Hotel, Room 337, Herzelia Pituach, Israel.
A confidential source abroad, who has furnished reliable information

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The above ~~confidential~~ source abroad noted that

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Local newspapers have given publicity to subject during the
months of May and June, 1971, because of his desire to obtain Israeli
immigrant status following the expiration of his tourist visa in
July, 1971. Publicity mounted in June, 1971, following the rejection
of three individuals alleged to have traveled to Israel to confer
with subject. [REDACTED] (u)

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From newspaper accounts, it appears that a number of attempts
were made to interview subject or to monitor his daily activities.
These efforts resulted in determining that subject will talk to no
newsman and briefly emerges from the Accadia Hotel to walk his dog.

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RE: MEYER LANSKY

A second ~~confidential~~ source abroad, who has furnished reliable information in the past, observed that the "Haaretz" for June 20, 1971, contained an article alleging that a group of unidentified depositors, claimed to be members of the "Mafia" from the United States, Europe, and South Africa, approached the Bank of Israel and other Israeli banks for the purpose of depositing \$120 million, U. S. The deposit was alleged to have certain conditions, one of which would provide the depositors an official letter from the Israeli Government that funds deposited were obtained from charitable solicitations for Israel. A second condition was that the interest provided on the account would be between 10 to 12%, which in some instances is provided "foreign resident's funds," as compared with the normal 5 1/2 to 7% obtained for savings in Israel. Since the higher rate had to be authorized by the Israeli Ministry of Finance, the article noted that the Bank of Israel and other Israeli banks discussed the proposal with the Ministry of Finance officials, who rejected the proposal on the grounds that the funds may be withdrawn in their entire amount at some time when these funds would not be available. The second ~~confidential~~ source abroad stated that on the afternoon of June 20, 1971, a Ministry of Finance spokesman denied the entire story.

The second source further advised on June 22, 1971, that an individual identified as [redacted] from [redacted] is currently in Israel, and a guest at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. It is alleged that [redacted] is bringing pressure to bear upon the Ministry of the Interior to provide immigration status for the subject. It is further alleged, according to the source, that [redacted] is somehow affiliated with the subject. [redacted] is a wealthy man and obtained his wealth through [redacted]

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The second source also noted on June 22, 1971, that a prominent banker in Geneva, Switzerland, Tibor Rosenbaum, has some financial interest in the Israeli newspaper "Maariv", which perhaps accounts, according to the source, for subject finally granting an extensive interview with Mr. Uri Dan of this newspaper to write a book regarding subject and his activities. According to the source, Dan has been sworn to secrecy by subject, and will not reveal any information so far divulged until the entire interview has been completed, and sufficient material exists for a book on this matter. "Maariv" will then have the rights to produce the book in serial form in "Maariv."

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